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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] it was learned that the restricted area of Wildpark-West, near Potsdam (H 53/Z 63), contained the barracks installation of the former German General Goering Regiment, the underground command post of the former German Air Force in Grosser Entenfaengerberg and several buildings which the Soviet Army had constructed in the southern section of the restricted area. A barrage or observation balloon was moored on the ground beside a four-cornered tent at the Entenfang Fasanerie (pheasantry). The balloon was about 15 meters long, 4 meters in diameter, was painted silver and was marked with a red star. About 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, were seen marching from the tent beside the balloon to the restricted area of Wildpark-West. Motor vehicles which passed through the northern gate of the restricted area included truck [redacted] towing a field kitchen, vehicles [redacted] and driver- [redacted]

school vehicles [redacted]

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2. Gate guards at the Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz, wore red-bordered black epaulets [redacted]. Only little activity was observed. Two platoons were engaged in close-order drill. [redacted]

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3. Sentries at the Heeresbeschlagschule (former German Army blacksmith school) wore red-bordered black epaulets. Officers observed wore tank insignia. A new fence enclosed the billeting area. Noise of track-laying vehicles was heard. Trucks [redacted] in the billeting area [redacted]

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4. Gate guards at the barracks installation northwest of the Heeresbeschlagsschule were red-bordered black epaulets. A column of 12 rocket launchers and 25 trucks, each occupied by about 25 soldiers, moved into the installation [redacted]

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5. The Hohenlohe Kaserne in Potsdam was only partially occupied on [redacted] There was no vehicular traffic.

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6. Gate guards at the Delius Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles identified in the billeting area [redacted]

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8. Gate guards at the Artillerie Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified in the billeting area.

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[redacted] Comment. The Hq of the unidentified Arty Div of the GOFG in Potsdam is believed to be located in the restricted area of Wildpark-West.

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[redacted] Regarding the size of the billeting area, additional units should be located there. The balloon observed is indicative of a divisional observation unit located there. Motor vehicle [redacted] analysis indicates that elements of the 2nd Gds AAA Div are possibly also quartered in the restricted area. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. The numerous motor vehicle [redacted] reported confirm component units of the 10th Gds Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army as being stationed in the three installations which are to be regarded collectively as one billeting area. [redacted] The rocket launchers probably belonged to the 248th Gds RL Bn of the 10th Gds Tank Div.

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